

by Strasburg's I found that I could not venture upon any observations without a more searching investigation than I had time for - I cannot write these things offhand and each address has taken up a great deal more of my time than I had intended to give up to it. I am now seriously contemplating giving up the Chair of the University and hope that some good Zoologist may take to it - We are about to move into our new rooms in Burlington House which will in some respects be more commodious and at any rate larger and handsomer. I am much put out also by Mr. Brethans state of health which quite debars me from my usual summer's botany.

Ever your sincerely

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My dear Gray

Many thanks for your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst which I received this morning with the enclosed *Calandrinia Pedicularis* which I return herewith and hope it will arrive safe - I overlooked it in doing the Flora - relying perhaps too much for the American *Egypt. Australis* plants on the set you gave me at Portraits - I endeavour to look up all described Australian plants but now and then find I have forgotten one. This *Calandrinia* is very near *Calyptrata* but remarkable for its thick perennial root whilst *Calyptrata* is annual. I have duly described it in my interleaved copy.

I shall be very glad to supply

the publishers of the American Naturalist  
with copies of Gen. St. which they may  
require on your recommendation  
charging them the trade price and  
whatever I have to pay here for  
freight - they would not take the  
box I sent you with the 10 copies  
without my paying the freight which  
was 1.50 - I am always puzzled how  
to send small parcels to you - I have  
now waiting the bones of *Stenolepis*  
for Columbia College and two copies  
of my paper on *Compositae* which I  
would wish you to give to Mr Eaton  
and to any one else you think ought to  
have it I hope would have also the  
6<sup>th</sup> vol of *Flora Australiensis* It is all  
in the printer's hands and all within  
two or three sheets in type - besides  
the index which always takes some  
time printing - It includes all the  
Monocotyledons with superior ovary

I should be very sorry you should  
leave your present abode - though you  
might be quiet yet you are now the  
great centre of American botanists  
and you are not old enough to give it up.

I received last night yours of the  
16<sup>th</sup> inst I am flattered by your compliments  
about my address - the more so as it  
has not taken here - It will however  
very probably be my last - I am now  
just 73 and I feel I can no longer do  
what I did - and have now no worry  
out the subjects I am able to deal with  
that I feel that if I went on I should  
degenerate into the twaddle of age.

I had intended to have said more  
about San Tieghem - but on looking  
a little into some of his papers I did  
not like his absolute conclusion about  
eyes and appendages and finding that  
some of his observations as well as his  
conclusions were disputed by Trecul and